

LAKES MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NH Lakes Management and Protection Program

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NOTES October 26 2007 M/V Mount Washington, Lake Winnipesaukee UNH County Conversations II 9:45 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Members present: Representing: Term:

Phil O'Brien, Chair
Larry Sunderland, Vice Chair
Diane Hanley
Mark Hemmerlein
Torrene Tango-Lowy

NH Lakes Association
Conservation Community
September 19, 2007
Conservation Commissions
August 22, 2010
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Members not present:

Jim Haney, Ph.D. Scientific Community, UNH August 22, 2007 Wendell Berry NH Business and Industry Assn July 8, 2010 Mitchell E. Kalter NH Fish & Game Commission August 22, 2009 NH Association of Realtors June 27, 2008 Ken Jordan August 1, 2009 Michele L.Tremblay State Conservation Committee Ken P. Wilson NH Marine Dealers Association August 22, 2008 Fred Murphy Planning Boards August 1, 2008 Vacant Elected Municipal Official Expired Jennifer Czysz Office of Energy & Planning Indefinite Mark Gallagher Commissioner, DOS Indefinite Steve Perry NH Fish and Game Dept. Indefinite Vacant NH Travel Council Commissioner, Dept. of Agr., Markets & Food Vacant Indefinite

Staff Present

Jacquie Colburn Lakes Coordinator, Watershed Management Bureau (WMB)

Paul Currier Administrator, WMB Jennifer Rowden Asst. Planner, WMB

Sonya Carlson Intern, WMB

Jacquie Colburn and Phil O'Brien extended an invitation to the LMAC on behalf of the new UNH President Mark Huddleston as part of the *County Conversations II* series to attend cruise on Lake Winnipesaukee. This event highlighted the NH Lay Lakes Monitoring Program's 30th season and UNH Cooperative Extension's new program *Landscaping at the Waters Edge.* This *County Conversation* was a joint event for Carroll and Belknap Counties.

I. <u>Jeff Schloss and NH Lay Lakes Monitoring Program (LMPP) Presentation</u>

During the cruise from Laconia to Wolfeboro, Jeff highlighted LMPP successes promoting preservation and sound management of New Hampshire's lakes, rivers, and estuaries by promoting citizen-based monitoring and research. The program was amongst the first in the nation to rely on citizen volunteers for sample collections and other states often call on LMPP for advice on using volunteers for water quality monitoring programs. LMPP also incorporates the use of students in data collection and research giving those students hands-on experience in water quality management.

II. UNH President Mark Huddleston Remarks

Prior to the President's remarks, several members of the audience were introduced including LMAC Chair Phil O'Brien and Watershed Management Bureau Administrator Paul Currier.

Following lunch, President Huddleston remarked that one of his prime interests in coming to New Hampshire and UNH were the land grant, space grant, and sea grant programs of the university and its charge of giving back to the people of the state. He thanked the Belknap and Carroll County delegations for sending dedicated and committed students to the university. President Huddleston also thanked Jeff Schloss for the outstanding work he does and for being such a great ambassador for the University.

III. UNH Cooperative Extension Landscaping at the Waters Edge Presentation

On the return cruise from Wolfeboro to Laconia, Amy Ouellette, Belknap County Extension Educator made a presentation regarding "Landscaping at the Waters Edge". A series of workshops and a booklet were developed by Cooperative Extension to help waterfront homeowners and landscape designers design landscaping that will help to protect the waterbody while enhancing the homeowner's enjoyment of the property. The program emphasizes the use of native plantings and erosion control measures while still allowing the homeowner areas of lawn and views of the waterbody. Cooperative Extension is currently holding the workshop around the state and is selling the booklet for \$20 to recuperate printing costs.

IV. LMAC Members' Discussion

A brief meeting had been planned for the LMAC, but due to lack of a quorum no official meeting was held. A brief discussion among members was held.

Regarding the HB 710 Commission, Jacquie explained that the Commission has developed and will be submitting its Interim Report to the Legislature, which is due November 1st. She will send a copy of the 710 Commission Interim Report to the LMAC membership prior to the next LMAC meeting. Chairman O'Brien explained that at the 10/23 meeting of the HB 710 Commission that Derek Durbin of NHLA had submitted a package of materials which included a Memorandum of Policy developed by NHLA. The Chairman asked that the Memorandum of Policy also be distributed to the LMAC so it could be discussed at the next meeting. Jacquie also described a site visit that some members of the 710 commission had recently conducted to view leased properties and their associated docking structures in Laconia and Meredith.

Regarding the Sustainability Initiative, Jacquie explained that she and other Lake and River Program staff and Paul Currier had met earlier in the week to review the status and content of the draft justification paper. She said that the plan is to distribute the draft to the subcommittee for their review and comment prior to the next LMAC meeting.

Regarding legislation, Jacquie indicated that after reviewing the internal DES legislative tracking record, that as of now there does not appear to be any additional proposed lake-related legislation, other than what was discussed at the September LMAC meeting. Derek Durbin of NHLA said that they may be proposing legislation regarding moorings, but that was not a certainty at this time. Paul Currier added that Rep. Tom Fargo is sponsoring a bill to give municipalities authority to adopt bylaws for regulating winter road deicing chemicals. Also, it is likely that a "Stormwater Commission" will be proposed, either as a separate new commission, or as an effort of the existing Water Resources Study Committee chaired by Sen. Cilley.

V. Next LMAC Meeting

Friday, November 16th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 pm at DES. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday the meeting will be held on the third Friday of the month.